

### CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 - 22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently amended) A ticket scraping device for scratching off the opaque protective coating on the surface of a ticket such as a lottery ticket, said device comprising:

a housing having a gripping area; and

a scraping edge protruding from the housing wherein said scraping edge has a straight scraping edge portion and an arcuate scraping edge portion and wherein said straight scraping edge portion protrudes from said housing so that an imaginary line drawn through the edge of said straight scraping edge portion extends beyond said housing.

24. The scraping device of Claim 23 wherein said straight scraping edge portion extends continuously into said arcuate scraping portion.

25. The scraping device of Claim 23 wherein said housing has a generally triangular shape.

26. The scraping device of Claim 25 wherein the triangular shape including an obtuse angle.

27. The scraping device of Claim 23 wherein said scraping edge includes a glass fibers.

28. The scraping device of Claim 23 wherein said gripping area has a shaped selected

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from the group consisting of a flat shape, a concave shape and a convex shape.

29. The scraping device of Claim 23 wherein said gripping area includes a series of flutes.

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30. The scraping device of Claim 23 wherein said housing includes an aperture for receiving a key ring.

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31. The scraping device of Claim 23 wherein said housing and said scraping edge are integral with each other.

32. The scraping device of Claim 23 being molded as a single unit.

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33. (Currently amended) A ticket scraping device for removing an opaque coating on the surface of a ticket, comprising:

a triangularly shaped housing having a gripping area; and

a scraping edge protruding from the housing and being integral therewith, said

scraping edge having a straight scraping edge portion and an arcuate scraping edge portion

wherein said straight scraping edge portion extends continuously into said arcuate scraping

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portion and wherein said straight scraping edge portion protrudes from said housing so that an

imaginary line drawn through the edge of said straight scraping edge portion extends beyond said

housing, said scraping edge also including glass fibers.

34. The scraping device of Claim 33 wherein the triangular shape including an obtuse angle.

35. The scraping device of Claim 33 wherein said gripping area has a shaped selected from the group consisting of a flat shape, a concave shape and a convex shape.

36. The scraping device of Claim 33 wherein said gripping area includes a series of flutes.

37. The scraping device of Claim 33 wherein said housing includes an aperture for receiving a key ring.

38. (Currently Amended) A method of scraping off an opaque coating on the surface of a ticket, comprising:

providing a ticket scraping device including:

a triangularly shaped housing having a gripping area; and

a scraping edge protruding from the housing and being integral therewith,

said scraping edge having a straight scraping edge portion and an arcuate

scraping edge portion wherein said straight scraping edge portion extends

continuously into said arcuate scraping portion and wherein said straight

scraping edge portion protrudes from said housing so that an imaginary

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line drawn through the edge of said straight scraping edge portion extends

beyond said housing, said scraping edge also including glass fibers;

providing a ticket having an opaque coating on the surface thereof; and,

scraping the opaque coating off the surface of the ticket with the scraping edge of

the ticket scraping device.